

City University of New York

Mission

The City University of New York (CUNY) has its origins in the Free Academy, established in 1847 under the auspices of the New York City Board of Education, and today is the nation's largest urban public university system. The University's mission is to provide affordable higher education with a focus on the urban community of New York City.

Organization and Staffing

CUNY is governed by a 17-member Board of Trustees, consisting of 10 members appointed by the Governor, five members appointed by the Mayor, and the chair of the Student Senate and the chair of the Faculty Senate, who both act as ex-officio members. Aside from the Board, CUNY's leadership structure consists of a Chancellor, individual college presidents, and centralized staff. CUNY includes 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, and seven honors and professional schools located throughout the City's five boroughs, employing thousands of academic, administrative, and facility personnel.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2024 Executive Budget recommends \$5.7 billion in total appropriations for CUNY and projects a workforce of 13,511 full-time equivalent employees.

The Executive Budget contains three different categories of appropriations for CUNY, including:

- \$1.92 billion in local assistance appropriations that provide General Fund support to CUNY, an increase of \$67 million from FY 2023.
- \$643 million in new appropriations and \$3.44 billion in reappropriations for capital projects. The new appropriation total is \$323 million less than the new appropriation total in FY 2023 but \$259 million more than the FY 2024 appropriation level included in the FY 2023 Enacted Budget Capital Plan.
- \$3.15 billion in total Enterprise Fund appropriations that consist of spending supported by the various funding sources allocated for CUNY senior colleges, including the General Fund appropriations described above, Federal aid, grants and scholarships, tuition and fees, and other resources. The total of Enterprise Fund appropriations in FY 2024 is less than in FY 2023 due to non-recurring Federal pandemic relief aid.

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Program Highlights

CUNY is the largest urban university system in the nation and offers a wide variety of educational avenues, ranging from vocational courses to doctoral degree programs. Approximately 243,000 full- and part-time CUNY students are pursuing studies ranging from one-year certificate programs to doctorates.

Authorize Modest Tuition Increases for CUNY Senior Colleges

To ensure that CUNY institutions can reliably invest in their long-term futures as costs rise, while prioritizing the evolving needs of students, ensuring academic excellence, and continuing to maintain low-cost and stable tuition rates for in-state residents, the Executive Budget authorizes annual tuition increases for CUNY senior colleges indexed to the lesser of the Higher Education Price Index or 3 percent. The tuition plan is expected to provide \$31 million to help support CUNY operations in AY 2024.

Increase State Support for CUNY Campuses by \$94 Million

The Executive Budget provides \$94 million in new, recurring State support for CUNY senior colleges in AY 2024. This funding includes:

- \$40 million in recurring general operating support,
- \$36 million increase in funding for employee fringe benefits, and
- \$18 million increase to fund financial aid to help cover the tuition costs of New York residents.

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Maintain the Community College Funding Floor

The Executive Budget will maintain a funding floor for community colleges at 100 percent of prior year funding. Without a funding floor, CUNY community colleges would face a \$59 million (27 percent) loss in formula aid due to enrollment declines.

Invest in CUNY Facilities

The FY 2024 Executive Budget includes \$643 million in new appropriations and \$3.44 billion in reappropriations to support infrastructure improvements at CUNY. The new appropriations provide: \$484 million in new capital appropriations for CUNY senior college projects, \$120 million for community college projects, and \$39 million for CUNY capital program administration.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2023	Appropriations Recommended FY 2024	Change From FY 2023	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2024
State Operations	3,295,680,063	3,154,524,400	(141,155,663)	44,600,000
Aid To Localities	1,848,157,600	1,915,071,900	66,914,300	12,318,000
Capital Projects	965,847,000	642,721,000	(323,126,000)	3,436,964,000
Total	6,109,684,663	5,712,317,300	(397,367,363)	3,493,882,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FY 2024 Estimated FTEs 03/31/24	FTE Change
Institutional Support Services			
Enterprise Funds	13,511	13,511	0
Total	13,511	13,511	0

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Enterprise Funds	3,295,680,063	3,154,524,400	(141,155,663)
Total	3,295,680,063	3,154,524,400	(141,155,663)
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(2,207,563)		
Appropriated FY 2023	3,293,472,500		

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STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
Campus Operations			
Enterprise Funds	1,560,558,400	1,558,708,400	(1,850,000)
Initiatives and Management			
Enterprise Funds	222,271,763	222,094,200	(177,563)
Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK)			
Enterprise Funds	38,181,500	37,053,500	(1,128,000)
University Operations			
Enterprise Funds	1,067,335,400	1,103,235,300	35,899,900
University Programs			
Enterprise Funds	407,333,000	233,433,000	(173,900,000)
Total	3,295,680,063	3,154,524,400	(141,155,663)

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2024 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Amount	Total		Personal Service	
		Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Initiatives and Management	0	(2,207,563)		0	(2,207,563)
Total	0	(2,207,563)		0	(2,207,563)

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
General Fund	1,848,157,600	1,915,071,900	66,914,300
Total	1,848,157,600	1,915,071,900	66,914,300

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AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change
City University Community Colleges			
General Fund	239,310,000	238,872,000	(438,000)
City University Senior Colleges			
General Fund	1,600,847,600	1,668,199,900	67,352,300
Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax			
General Fund	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Senior College Pension Payments			
General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Total	1,848,157,600	1,915,071,900	66,914,300

CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2023	Recommended FY 2024	Change	Reappropriations FY 2024
Senior Colleges				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	18,922,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	457,222,000	384,222,000	(73,000,000)	2,267,125,000
Program Changes - Expansion and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	425,000,000	100,000,000	(325,000,000)	535,000,000
City University of New York Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	100,000,000
Project Administration				
Capital Projects Fund	38,832,000	38,832,000	0	0
Subtotal	921,054,000	523,054,000	(398,000,000)	2,921,047,000
Community College				
General Maintenance and Improvements				
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	6,461,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	44,793,000	119,667,000	74,874,000	509,456,000
Subtotal	44,793,000	119,667,000	74,874,000	515,917,000
Total	965,847,000	642,721,000	(323,126,000)	3,436,964,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 02/01/2023